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CHAFEE ANNOUNCES OVER \$3 MILLION TO HELP AIDS PATIENTS

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee today announced that the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services has notified him that Rhode Island will receive more than \$3 million in grants to provide healthcare aid for patients living with HIV/AIDS. The money, which is distributed under the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act, will be used to provide medical care, support services, and prescription drugs for AIDS victims.

“The costly effects of HIV and AIDS are a great concern to me and to our community,” Senator Chafee said. “This grant money will go a long way to ensure that people who have been diagnosed with AIDS get the proper care, drugs, and services needed to live full and active lives.”

In addition to the \$1,103,249 allocated to Rhode Island for basic health care needs for AIDS patients, an additional \$1,911,506 will be provided for the purchase of medications through state-run AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs). An additional \$174,521 will be allocated to the Minority AIDS Initiative and Emerging Communities program, which helps metropolitan areas with significant populations of people living with AIDS.

“Each year programs funded by the CARE Act help more than 530,000 individuals access life-sustaining care and services,” said Elizabeth M. Duke, administrator of HHS’ Health Resources and Services Administration. “Today’s grants will extend the availability of needed medications to even more people living with HIV/AIDS.”

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